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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1389

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Veterinarians.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bacon

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Veterinary Investigative Fee-* The bill provides that in addition to the fee for the issuance or renewal of a license, registration, or permit, the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners (BOVME) shall establish a fee of not more than \$10 per year for a person who holds a license or special permit as a veterinarian or a registration or special permit as a veterinary technician. The bill requires that the fees must be deposited into the Veterinary Investigative Fund (VIF).

Supervision Exception- The bill removes an exception to the requirement that a veterinarian who supervises a registered veterinary technician or veterinary assistant determine the appropriate level of that supervision.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Veterinary Investigative Fee-* The BOVME would be required to establish a fee for veterinary investigative matters. It is likely the BOVME would be able to adopt the fee required by the bill within an existing meeting of the board. The BOVME is scheduled to meet three times after July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Veterinary Investigative Fee-* Under current law the fee may be established at no more than \$10 per licensee. Assuming the fee was adopted by July 31, the following table illustrates potential range of revenue that would be generated over the biennium depending on the fee set by BOVME.

Possible Fee	Estimated Revenue over FY 2014 - FY 2015 Biennium (Veterinarians and Veterinarian Tech.)*
\$5	\$23,320
\$6	\$27,980
\$7	\$32,650
\$8	\$37,300
\$9	\$41,980
\$10	\$46,640
*Estimates rounded to nearest 10 dollars.	

A biennial estimate is reported due to the unevenness of license renewals for veterinarians and veterinarian technicians. Far more persons renew during an even fiscal year than during an odd fiscal year. Therefore, investigative fee revenue collection trends would mirror that of the actual license fee revenue. Odd fiscal years would see substantially lower amounts of revenue collected from the investigative fee than in even.

The actual amount of revenue collected in a biennium would be dependent on the actual fee set by the BOVME. Revenue in the VIF would not revert to the state General Fund, unless the balance of the VIF exceeds \$750,000. Any amount in the fund above the \$750,000 mark would revert to the state General Fund. Revenue in the VIF is intended to enforce the provisions of veterinarian licensing law. As of September 2012, there were 2,327 veterinarians and 1,018 registered veterinarian technicians holding an active license.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Professional Licensing Agency.

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